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OF THE TOWN OF

SHARON

NEW HAMPSHIRE



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New Hampshire

for the year ending

December 31, 1977

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator	John Milton Street	Term expires 1978
Selectmen	John W. Derby	Term expires 1978
	Dorothea M. Somero (Mrs.)	Term expires 1979
	John Von Adler	Term expires 1980
Town Clerk	Violet M. Newton (Mrs.)	Term expires 1978
Treasurer	Pearl Y. Stevens (Mrs.)	Term expires 1978
Collector of Taxes	Henry J. Ricker	Term expires 1978
Highway Agent	Walter B. Somero	Term expires 1978
Trustee of Trust Funds	Jessie Ricker (Mrs.)	Term expires 1978
Forest Fire Warden	Charles W. Guptill III	Appointed
Deputy Wardens	Robert A. Young	
	Wallace B. Newton	
	Norman E. Marion	
	A. Lester Stevens	
Health Officer	Dr. Robert E. Wellwood	Appointed
Supervisors of Checklist	Emily A. Day	Term expires 1978
	Carl B. Day	Term expires 1980
	Barbara Wilson (Mrs.)	Term expires 1982
Planning Board	Dr. Robert E. Wellwood	Term expires 1978
	Sheron S. Derby (Mrs.)	Term expires 1979
	Barbara Wilson (Mrs.)	Term expires 1980
	Brenda Allen (Mrs.)	Term expires 1981
	John W. Derby	ex officio
Board of Adjustment	John M. C. Wilson	Term expires 1978
	Kenneth L. Fogden	Term expires 1979
	Charles W. Guptill III	Term expires 1980
	George Allen	Term expires 1981
	Lloyd P. Young	Term expires 1982
Building Inspector	Robert A. Young	Appointed

TOWN WARRANT

Sharon, New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon, N.H. in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Brick Schoolhouse on Tuesday, the 14th of March, 1978 at 7:30 in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, specifically, Town Clerk, 1 year; Selectman, 3 years; Tax Collector, 1 year; Treasurer, 1 year; Trustee of Trust Funds, 1 year.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to establish the amounts which shall be paid the Town Officers for their services, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 3. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,400 for Town Officers expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to have the Audit made by the Department of Revenue Administration and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$325.00 to cover the expense of the same.

Article 5. To raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the purposes specified:

Election and Registration	\$100.00
Insurance	700.00
Legal Expense and Dog Damage	200.00
Ambulance	236.00
Fire Protection	750.00
Peterborough Sanitary Landfill	1,100.00
Town Hall Expense	200.00
Bridge Repair	500.00
Street Lights	100.00
Cemetaries	500.00
Interest on Temporary Loan	150.00
Appraisal of New Property	200.00
Tax Map Updating	100.00
Planning & Zoning	200.00

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$54.00 for the Monadnock Region Association, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$193.00 for the Monadnock Community Visiting Nurse Association, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75.00 for the Monadnock Family and Mental Health Service, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$112.88 as the Town's share for the studies and operation of the Southwestern New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 10. To see what sum the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of taxes.

Article 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to withdraw from the William Leroy Young Trust Fund \$150.00 interest for maintenance of the Brick Schoolhouse, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$1,302.81 which is restricted to the maintenance of Class V highways, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for oiling Town roads, where needed, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for Summer maintenance of Town roads and the sum of \$2,500.00 for Winter maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$235.68 provided the State of New Hampshire appropriates \$1,571.19 for the construction of Class IV and V highways, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as set-offs against budget Appropriations in the amounts indicated: and further authorize the Selectmen to make pro-rata reductions in the amounts if estimated entitlements are reduced or take any other action relative thereto.

Appropriation	Estimated
Fire protection	\$750.00
Ambulance	236.00

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 as the Town's share for weeding and thinning of the Robert P. Bass Memorial Forest under the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Program, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to be placed in a Capital Reserve Fund for the future reappraisal of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for necessary maintenance of the Brick Schoolhouse, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$349.95 as the Town's share in the purchase of a new ambulance for the Peterborough Fire Department, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of stumping and graveling the Town-owned piece of property adjacent to the Brick Schoolhouse, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 as the Town's contribution to the Peterborough Library Building Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to ban the future location of mobile homes in the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to limit the number of new residential building permits to 1 permit per calender year per parcel of land existing at the date of passage of this article, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to return the sum of \$255.00 to the Sharon Taxpayers Association, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 26. To see if the Town will transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals at said Sharon this 22nd day of February, 1978.

John W. Derby
Dorothea M. Somero
John von Adler

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SHARON, N.H.

Purpose of Appropriation	Appropriations Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Previous Fiscal Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year 1978 1978-79
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,000.00	\$990.00	\$1,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,400.00	1,297.00	1,400.00
Election & Registration			
Expenses	100.00	53.00	100.00
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	200.00	215.00	200.00
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police Department	750.00	750.00	750.00
Insurance	700.00	717.00	700.00
Planning & Zoning	400.00	140.00	200.00
Damages & Legal Expense	200.00	112.00	200.00
Health Dept. & Ambulance	195.00	195.00	236.00
Vital Statistics MFMHS	75.00	75.00	75.00
Sewer Maintenance VNA	222.00	223.00	193.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
Highways & Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer & Winter	4,500.00	7,687.00	4,500.00
Street Lighting	100.00	77.00	100.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept. Oil & Bridge Repair	3,300.00	751.00	3,000.00
Town Road Aid	237.00	237.00	236.00
Class V		1,306.00	
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	1,500.00	2,173.00	500.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.			
MRA & SWNHRPC	188.00	112.00	166.00
Debt Service:			
Interest on Temporary Loans	175.00	154.00	150.00
Special Art.			
Appraisal & Tax Map Update	400.00	288.00	300.00
Audit	270.00	310.00	325.00
Crush Gravel	2,000.00	2,297.00	0
Walk	500.00	Killed	0
Weed & Thin	300.00	Carried For	300.00
Land Purchase	500.00	500.00	0
Parking Lot Work			1,000.00
Schoolhouse Maint.			1,000.00
Amb. Purchase			350.00
Tax Map			100.00
Library Contribution			300.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	20,313.00	21,759.00	18,481.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SHARON, N.H.

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year 1978 (1978-79)
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$3,800.00	\$4,541.00	\$4,400.00
Savings Bank Tax	250.00	428.00	400.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	1,100.00	1,099.00	1,100.00
Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V)	4,450.00	2,955.00	3,000.00
Reim. A/C Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	275.00	315.00	300.00
Reim. A/C State Forest Land	80.00	102.00	110.00
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	95.00	111.00	115.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	10.00	12.00	10.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	3,100.00	3,158.00	3,100.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits		389.00	300.00
Income from Trust Funds	110.00	110.00	150.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	24.00	23.00	25.00
Resident Taxes Retained	850.00	890.00	900.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	500.00	555.00	2,000.00
Income from Departments	10.00	60.00	50.00
Old Checks Cancelled		6.00	
Ins. Adjustmeent		12.00	
Surplus			
From Federal Sources:			
Revenue Sharing	845.00	945.00	986.00
Amount to be Raised by property taxes			1,535.00
TOTAL REVENUES	15,499.00	15,691.00	16,946.00

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The past year has been rather frustrating for the Selectmen. The problems came from outside of Town. The State was slow to set its budget as we learned from the papers. No sooner than that matter was settled, the County turned up with the same problem. This resulted in late setting of the tax rate and increased interest charges on our short-term loan. Both delays were unnecessary and we hope that it will not happen again.

The cutting on the Robert P. Bass Memorial Forest got off to a poor start due to wet weather. The timber firm returned shortly after the start of winter and has made a good start in removing the 1,200,000 board feet of timber. The job should be complete in about 2 years. The Town will net about \$45,000 as a result. The proceeds have been invested in certificates-of-deposit.

The Selectmen would like to meet with any Townspeople interested in removing firewood which results from the weeding and thinning operation. The forester will explain where the wood is located later in the Spring. The meeting will be at the monthly meeting following Town Meeting.

The New Hampshire National Guard repointed the joints in the brickwork at the Schoolhouse during the Fall. The total cost to the Town was \$5.80, the price of two bags of mortar patch. We would like to express our thanks to the National Guard for their help.

During the Fall, the Selectmen completed the purchase of a 75' x 100' parcel adjacent to the Brick Schoolhouse. We hope to have the property stumped and graveled so that it will provide parking that is off the highway. This will provide security for vehicles especially during the winter months when the roads are narrow.

The Selectmen have taken a close look at the Schoolhouse and have decided that it is time to take action regarding maintenance of the structure. We recommend that the outside trim be painted, the ceiling be covered with sheetrock and painted, the inside walls washed and painted, the floor sealed, and repointing the top of the chimney which should have a cap installed on it. We have the estimates and will present them at the Town Meeting.

We believe that it would be in the best interest of the Town if it were to vote a sum of money for the Peterborough Library Building Fund. Sharon is not assessed a fee for the use of the Library and it is utilized by the residents of Sharon.

Respectfully Submitted,
John W. Derby
Dorothea M. Somero
John von Adler

HIGHWAY AGENT'S REPORT

The new section of the Town Cemetary has been completed, with lots surveyed and laid out. The gate will be built as soon as stone posts can be put in place. These are being donated by Mr. Richard Nichols.

Projected work on Town roads for this year will be to seal as many miles of the roads as possible with what money is available. Some of the bridge railings are in need of replacement.

Spring Mill Road requires a little more clean up on the shoulders.

An asphalt and sand seal will make a good surface on this road for many years.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter B. Somero
Highway Agent

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Gentlemen:

Your Summary Inventory of Property Valuation and Statement of Appropriations have been approved. You may proceed with the assessment of 1977 taxes on the basis of the following figures:

Net Assessed Valuation	\$4,350,714.00
Taxes Committed to Collector:	
Town Property Taxes Assessed	\$74,832.28
Precinct Taxes Assessed	
Total Gross Property Taxes	\$74,832.28
Less: Est. War Service Tax Credits	650.00
New Property Tax Commitment*	\$74,182.28

Tax Rate \$1.72

* The amount of property tax commitment is subject to adjustment by reason of any increase or decrease in War Service Tax Credits which may result based on the above approved rate.

In the event any adjustment was made in the Appropriations Section, we have enclosed a copy of the changes. Revenues and Credits have been approved as shown on the enclosed copy of the third page of the Statement of Appropriations.

The net amounts approved for school and county are as follows:

Net School Appropriations	\$60,407.74
County Tax Assessment	6,102.33

In arriving at the above approved rate the Overlay has been set in the amount of \$3,221.81.

Very truly yours,
Lloyd M. Price, Commissioner

EXHIBIT E
TOWN OF SHARON
Trust Funds
Summary of Principal, Income and Investments
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

**Principal
Balance
December 31,
1977**

**Deposited In
Peterborough
Savings Bank**

Cemetery Funds:

Addie Royce	No. 22123	\$100
George & Mary Royce Wilson	No. 20837	50
David & Hannah Carlton Wilson	No. 20659	50
Bacon Fund	No. 16339	200
John B. Shedd	No. 24043	150
Wirling Gregg	No. 16902	100
Estate of Ellen A. Wilson	No. 26016	200

School House Fund:

William Leroy Young	No. 28284	2,000
		2,850

Balance January 1, 1977	Earned During Year	Expended During Year	Balance December 31, 1977	Balance of Principal and Income December 31, 1977
\$3	\$6	\$6	\$3	\$103
2	3	3	2	52
2	3	3	2	52
6	11	11	6	206
4	8	8	4	154
4	6	6	4	104
6	11	11	6	206
167	114	181	100	2,100
\$194	\$162	\$229	\$127	\$2,977

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS-none

DEATHS-

Wayne Ashley Stevens

August 15, 1977

Edward Roland Elliot

October 14, 1977

MARRIAGES

Donna Lee Rollins

Gary Alan Young

February 25, 1977

Linda May Johnstone

Alfred John Harper, Sr.

April 27, 1977

Jane Palfrey Wilbur

Douglas VanDyck Brown

June 11, 1977

SCHOOL CENSUS

Under 1 year: None

1 Year: Ann-Elise Armstrong, Abigail Erdossy, Stephanie Johnstone, Jacob Poole

2 Years: Steven Hobbs, Jonathan Colette

3 Years: Douglass Morton, Lisa Johnstone

4 Years: Cristopher Colette

5 Years: Shana Poole

Peterborough Elementary School (Grades 1-4)

Allen, Timothy
Armstrong, Amber
Armstrong, Kristen
Johnstone, Anthony
Johnstone, Polly
Johnstone, Lynne
Johnstone, Malcolm
LeClair, Adam David

Nason, Stephen
Nason, Keith
Pelletier, Andrew
Poole, Philip
*Walsh, George
*Walsh, Heather
Weichel, Carl
Wilson, Elizabeth

Peterborough Middle School (Grades 5-8)

Allen, Jennifer
Blanchette, Robert
Colby, William
Hobbs, Jacqueline
Hobbs, Kristin

Pelletier, Nancy
Pelletier, Amy
Weichel, Tess
Weichel, Tina
Wilson, David

Contoocook Valley Regional High School (Grades 9-12)

Allen, George
Blanchette, Michael
Blanchette, Daniel
Eagleson, Hope
Guptill, Cynthia
Hobbs, Alison
Lawler, Kim

Lawler, Nadine
McCarthy, Joanne
McCarthy, Marylie
McCarthy, Timothy
Wellwood, Edward
Wellwood, Elizabeth

Private Kindergarten

Nason, Nicole
*Sheinkman, Talya

Private School

Derby, Sara

*Since Moved From Sharon



By Rudyard Kipling

If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs and blaming it on you;

If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you, but make allowance for their doubting too;

If you can wait and not be tired by waiting, or, being lied about, don't deal in lies, or being hated don't give way to hating, and yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;

If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim,

If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster and treat those two impostors just the same:

If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools, or watch the things you gave your life to, broken, and stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings and risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss, and lose, and start again at your beginnings, and never breathe a word about your loss:

If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew to serve your turn long after they are gone, and so hold on when there is nothing in you except the Will which says to them: "Hold on!"

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue, or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,

If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,

If all men count with you, but none too much:

If you can fill the unforgiving minute with sixty seconds' worth of distance run, Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it.

And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!